Caltrans- Division of Transportation Programming Office of Federal Transportation Management Program

Guidance on Programming American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Projects in the FTIPs/FSTIP

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FHWA has recommended that for planning assumption purposes, the state may assume ARRA funds to be equal to the actual level of federal aid funds received in FFY 2007/08, which is approximately \$3.5 billion.

- 1. Caltrans provided each MPO with estimates of projected ARRA funds for FHWA and FTA programs for its region.¹
- 2. MPOs must process FTIP amendments to add this additional revenue to their financial plan using the fund type "ECREC" shown on the next page. Caltrans has processed an amendment to include rural Non-MPO revenues in the FSTIP.
- 3. Caltrans provided an updated financial summary form that includes the ECREC fund type for FHWA and FTA programs.
- 4. Amendments that add only estimated ARRA revenue to MPOs' financial plans will be reviewed and processed by Caltrans prior to those that add both ARRA revenue and projects. MPOs may process separate concurrent amendments that program projects using regional ARRA shares provided by Caltrans to the MPOs based on the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) distribution methodology.
- 5. ARRA funds are considered available and committed and therefore amendments may be approved by the MPO boards, the state and FHWA/FTA.
- 6. After state and federal approval of the FTIP amendments that update the financial plans, MPOs may process administrative modifications in accordance with the FSTIP Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures to utilize the ARRA funds by swapping funds on already programmed projects, add projects to Grouped Project Listings, increase project costs, and/or advance projects programmed within the valid four years of the 2009 FSTIP using the Expedited Project Selection Procedures.
- 7. Caltrans provided guidance and preliminary apportionments on FTA 5307, 5309, and 5311 programs to all MPOs. MPOs may use these apportionments to program projects for FTA programs.
- 8. Caltrans works with the rural non-MPO counties to include their projects in the FSTIP and adjust their programming.
- 9. At this time, MPOs may program projects for FHWA programs based on their targets of the RSTP distribution only until a determination is made on the distribution of ARRA funds apportioned to the state.

¹ These are only estimates to provide the regions with a mechanism to obligate already programmed projects as soon as ARRA bill is signed.

10. Final distribution to reflect the actual ARRA funds will be provided to each MPO when available. MPOs will then be required to adjust their financial plans and programming, if necessary, in their next FTIP amendment to reflect the <u>actual</u> ARRA revenues allocated to their region.

CTIPS Fund Id: ECREC

Fund Name: American Recovery and Reinvestment

